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ELECTIONS

New members elected in Monson

Board of Selectmen, School Committee

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MONSON – Monson will see new faces on its municipal boards and committees after contested races in the June 9th Annual Town Election saw Mary Kathleen Hull voted onto the Board of Selectmen and Kathryn T. Peterson onto the School Committee.

There was a 13% voter turnout for the Annual Town Election, with 761 registered voters casting ballots, according to official results from the town clerk's office.

Four newcomers ran for a seat on the Board of Selectmen, including Hull, who received 343 votes and will serve a three-year term. Candidate Jessie D. Shea received the next highest number of votes with 281, Robert E. Kaddy received 96, and Charles P. Cournoyer received 28.

For the School Committee race, Peterson received 494 votes. Shea, who also ran for School Committee, received 220.

Hull is the owner of MassRVT (Mass Responsible Vendor Training) and also works for the Post Office. Hull is also on the Board of Health.

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Monson High School hosts car parade for graduates



Submitted photos by Crystal M. Rondeau

Eve McCray joined her Monson High School 2020 classmates in a social distance car parade honoring this year's graduating seniors.

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON – Not even COVID-19 will stop Monson High School (MHS) from celebrating their 56 high school graduates.

On Friday, June 5th, a parade was held for the graduating Class of 2020, from the safety of students' and spectators' cars.

William Metzger, Principal

of MHS, said the decision to hold this parade was made in early May, after the realization there was not going to be an official graduation on the original June 5th date.

"When I realized we were going to have to postpone the graduation, I had a small volunteer group of seniors' parents that I was meeting with to talk about different things we could do to honor the kids, and we came up with the

idea of the parade," said Metzger. "At that point, I gave the town administrator (Evan Brassard) a call, because I was sure I needed to be in touch with the town and various agencies."

Metzger had a meeting with the town administrator, the Board of Health, Monson Fire Chief Brian S. Harris, and Monson Police Chief Stephen Kozloski to talk about how to successfully pull

off this parade and maintain the requirements around social distancing.

For the parade, seniors were encouraged to wear the caps and gowns they were issued on Thursday and Friday of last week and decorate their cars, then line up at the school parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Representatives of the fire and

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Phase two reopening underway in Palmer

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PALMER – At the Palmer Town Council's June 8th meeting, town manager Ryan McNutt gave a brief update on COVID-19 in town, including the total case count and loss of life.

Earlier in the meeting, he also addressed some of the work he's done in his first year as town manager ahead of his first Council review, which will happen in the next few weeks.

The count of COVID-19 cases in town since the beginning of the pandemic has reached about 60 in total. Seven people who were living or had lived in Palmer at one point have died as a result of the disease that McNutt knew of, he said.

"We've been spared a great deal from this pandemic," McNutt said of the relatively low number of cases in Palmer.

He also said there's greater access to coronavirus testing currently, which is available at the Framingham testing site.

Council president Barbara Barry asked McNutt when restaurants and outdoor dining will open in town. McNutt said that's currently happening on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with the police and fire departments and Board of Health.

"It's an ongoing, moving tar-

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Palmer Community Development requesting coronavirus aid

Activity	Belchertown	Hampden	Hardwick	Ludlow	Monson	Palmer	Ware	Total
Microenterprise Assistance	\$130,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$150,000	\$80,000	\$140,000	\$120,000	\$700,000
Senior Center-Grab & Go Meals		\$27,747				\$12,068		\$39,815
Senior Center-Grab Bags		\$2,648				\$5,408		\$8,056
Senior Center-Delivery Services						\$1,482		\$1,482
Schools-Grab & Go Meals						\$13,080		\$13,080
Food Pantry			\$1,377	\$18,000	\$6,440			\$25,817
Subtotal								\$788,278
Admin								\$94,589
Total	\$130,000	\$71,770	\$58,000	\$156,440	\$80,000	\$172,068	\$120,000	\$882,871

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – On Thursday, May 4th, the Palmer Community Development Department conducted a virtual public hearing to solicit input relative to a grant application under the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) Program.

The meeting was hosted by Sarah Szczebak, Palmer Community Development Department director, and Dakota Desrochers, community development clerk.

Szczebak presented several findings based on business owner and household surveys, showing that almost half of local business owners have seen a nearly 100% reduction in sales since the pandemic started and many are having trouble paying their rent, while residents said they need the most help with food assistance.

At the beginning of the hearing, Szczebak said that as of May 4th, the grant's budget calculations are set. This regional application will request nearly \$883,000 in anticipated total funding and will be split between the towns

of Belchertown, Hampden, Hardwick, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, and Ware.

"The grant application strongly encouraged many entitlement communities (like Palmer) to act as the lead community in regional applications," said Szczebak. "Palmer is designated as a mini-entitlement community, and preference will be given to regional applications in the review process. Not all the towns in this application will be included for the same programs; the needs in each town determined what activities we're applying for in each town."

One of the evaluation criteria for the grant is the public health impact of the virus on the communities. Several factors may impact the number of cases of cases in each town.

As for eligible activities from this grant, microenterprise assistance for small businesses will make up the bulk of the funding requested in the application.

"The funding sources laid out several criteria for this program," said Szczebak. "The income eligibility will be based on the business owner's family's income."

In preparation for this grant application, Szczebak said there were Business Impact sur-



Submitted photos by Jeff Lord

Protestors in Monson June 7th hold handmade signs.

Monson holds Black Lives Matter protest

By Elise Linscott
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MONSON – Hundreds gathered June 7th for a peaceful protest and prayer vigil that drew attendees including local politicians, town residents, white allies and people of all ages and ethnicities, spreading the message with chants through town: "Black Lives Matter."

Monson High School alum Anastasia Tabasco-Flores organized the protest in just three days after talking with fellow MHS alum about the need for a protest in town and putting an announcement on social media. That same day, more than 100 people had already committed to attending, most of whom Tabasco-Flores didn't personally know.

"So many things inspired me to want to put together the protest," Tabasco-Flores said. "As an adult, I work in predominantly black and brown spaces in education and I have for the past ten years. And when I thought about home, and when I thought

about doing this, I felt a lot of disappointment at the silence I was seeing from people I grew up with and around. And I wanted to do this in Monson because I think that there should be a platform for every voice in the town; to show that racism doesn't just exist in the city, it exists everywhere. I wanted that conversation to happen in Monson."

Sunday's event started at noon at Memorial Hall and the town pavilion, where Tabasco-Flores encouraged everyone to maintain a six-foot physical distance between each other and to continue wearing their masks. Speakers included Tabasco-Flores and Monson School Committee chair Jeff Lord, among others. The protest was also attended by Rep. Brian Ashe and Sen. Anne Gobi.

"I started my speech by saying that 'I am a racist,' Lord said. "And I went on to say how I realized I was a racist and what I did to fight that racism. I'm the openly gay

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SCHOOLS

Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational School hosts graduation

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PALMER – On Friday, May 5th, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School hosted the Class of 2020's official graduation, with several changes to ensure social distancing and overall safety for students, their families, school administration and staff.

Between holding a parade for the 155 graduating seniors and executing a "senior spotlight" through their Facebook page, the staff members at Pathfinder have continued to support seniors throughout

the rest of the school year and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eric Duda, principal and assistant superintendent of Pathfinder, said he was happy that he and other staff members were still able to hold a modified ceremony for graduating students.

"One of the things that makes me most proud about Pathfinder is the dedicated staff and administrative team, and everybody that works with the school – we've done everything possible to try to make this as special a day as it can be," said



Lawn signs provided by Sign Techniques Inc. show the faces and vocations of the 155 graduating seniors.

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Palmer Master Plan in development

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PALMER – The Town of Palmer is currently undertaking the development of a master plan, a 10- to 15-year plan that will address the needs of the town.

Funded by the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program action grant, a range of elements will address the needs of the town including land use, housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, public facilities and services, transportation and mobility and more, according to the master plan website.

The Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC), which was officially established March 10th, is overseeing the master plan and gathering input in the areas of Palmer that need to be included.

Linda Leduc, Town Planner and Economic Development Director, said the masterplan is a major step forward to improve the town of Palmer, and she encourages residents to stay up-to-date with the committee.

“It has a vision statement and various goals, so instead of having your government making all the decisions, this is an opportunity for residents of Palmer to have a full and complete input on how they

want to see the town in the next 10 to 15 years,” said Leduc.

Going forward, Leduc said around mid-July, a virtual public forum will be available for residents, with surveys to follow. More information will be provided on the website. Also on the website, anyone can put in their name and zip code and become registered as a direct contact. This way, updates on the master plan steering committee will be directly sent to their email address.

More information on the master plan is available at <http://palmermasterplan.com/>.

There are five crucial steps that must be done to properly prepare the master plan. Steps include: identify issues and opportunities; set the community vision and goals; develop the policy framework; develop the implementation plan; and hand-off and implementation.

The town has also contracted with the services of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. (VHB) to assist in the development of the plan, and serves primarily as subject matter experts in a facilitator role. This means soliciting and summarizing the community’s thoughts and desires for the town. Along with the steering committee, VHB will be working with the Town’s Planning and Economic Development De-

partment and Planning Board.

The steering committee has held several meetings within the last few months. Aside from the meetings, they also hosted a community tour on April 22nd, which as a four-hour drive around that mapped out essential assets of the community, in order to expose the VHB team to Palmer’s villages, various main streets, open spaces, industrial parks, vacant properties and more.

At their most recent meeting on May 27th, they discussed the stakeholder communities’ interviews based on the list of provided to VHB with about 25 people who represent various faces of the town and its operations/activities, such as representatives of the Planning Board, Redevelopment Authority, Council of Aging, Recreation Department, Cultural Council, Board of Health, School Department, and more.

These stakeholders were contacted, filled out questionnaires, and interviewed over the phone. Highlights from the interviews included a strong sense of community spirit, regional connections and proximity to hotspots, an aging population and infrastructure, four main streets with retail vacancies and more.



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden

Briana Salerno, owner of Beauty by Briana.

Monson hair salon Beauty by Briana officially reopens

By **Jonah Snowden**
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MONSON – After hair salons were allowed by Governor Charlie Baker to reopen, Briana Salerno, owner of the hair salon “Beauty by Briana,” is officially back in business. She’s also offering free hair services to local high school seniors who previously booked appointments on June 12th for Monson’s senior prom, since they won’t be able to attend from this year.

Since reopening her salon on Monday, May 25th, Salerno said she has been working with clients whose appointments had to be rescheduled when the hair salon was temporarily closed.

“I extended my hours as much as I can to accommodate everyone, including the people that originally had appointments with me,” said Salerno. “I still am taking new clients, but I am booked out pretty far right now. It’s pretty much getting in who I can and working when I can.”

While in the process of reopening, Salerno also said she received assistance from Brittney Moynahan, independent stylist at Tranquility Central, and Nissa Lempart, owner of Monson Optical. Salerno said Moynahan reached out to her, offering to donate anything that she could use and offering help with services free of charge to Salerno. Lempart also donated money to help Salerno with supplies and services.

Before temporarily closing the salon, Salerno was planning on working closely with some of her high school clients that are seniors for prom on June 12th. Since the COVID-19 pandemic robbed them of the rest of their senior year, and being disheartened by that, Salerno offered to let

those seniors come in and get their hair done that day, free of charge.

Originally, that gesture was only for the seniors of Monson High School, but Salerno opened that offer to the students of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School and Palmer High School as well.

“I just figured that it would be a nice thing to do, considering the fact that they spent so much money on these dresses, and aren’t going to be able to wear them,” said Salerno. “I was in their position before, and prom was something that I really looked forward to, and it just wouldn’t go. I’m not doing it to make myself look good or anything, but because they’re my friends.”

As for the rest of her clients, Salerno said that the thing she is most excited about is simply getting to see them and giving them something to look forward to through an appointment. Since opening her business on Feb. 1st of this year, Salerno’s goal has been to provide each of her clients with the full hair salon experience. Services include waxing, highlighting, hair treatments, and more.

“Everyone’s been so cooped up, and it’s been difficult for people mentally and physically,” said Salerno. “I just want to give them the chance to relax and feel like themselves again by getting their hair done.”

Beauty by Briana is located on 180 Main St., in downtown Monson, and can be reached at 413-278-3957. Beauty by Briana’s Facebook and Instagram Page, which are both under the same name as the salon, provide updates on what Salerno is currently up to.

Monson Garden Club awards scholarship

MONSON – Theresa Nissenbaum is the recipient of the Monson Garden Club’s scholarship this year. She was chosen based on academic achievements along with the personal qualities of citizenship and leadership, according to the club. She received \$500 to help continue with her education at Worcester State University.

Since 1991 the club has awarded \$26,250 in scholarships to 50 students.

Palmer compost area summer schedule

PALMER – The compost area will be opened the third Saturday in July, August and September to afford town residents the opportunity to drop off leaves and grass clippings at the compost area off of Old Warren Road Palmer. Please place leaves and grass clippings in brown paper bags and do not drop off and place up against gate. Reminder: Please practice social distancing. Any questions, please call the DPW at (413) 283-2615.

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Sunday July 19, 2020	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday August 15, 2020	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 16, 2020	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Peterson is an elementary interventionist and said she ran for a seat on the School Committee in Monson because it provided a chance for her to give back to her hometown and apply her passion for education, she said in her candidate statement previously published in the Journal Register.

This is a developing story. Full interviews with both winners will appear in an upcoming issue of the Journal Register.



Turley the Turtle contest

The winner of the Journal Register’s Turley the Turtle count contest is Juliannah Greaney of Monson, who won a Rice’s Fruit Farm Gift Card. Please email elinscott@turley.com to claim your prize!

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get,” McNutt said. “It’s hard to come up with a general policy. Our villages are unique, and some neighborhoods with restaurants are in unique areas. Some have greater access to outside... others are practically on a postage stamp.

“We want to take this as liberally as we possibly can while still taking public safety into account,” he continued. “We’re trying to work with restaurants... to allow them as much outdoor seating as we possibly can.”

McNutt has been in his role as town manager since July of last year. Earlier in the meeting under an agenda item for the town manager’s goals, he highlighted several of his accomplishments over the last year.

One of the first issues was working with citizens and the schools’ athletic departments who were concerned about the conditions of the schools’ athletic fields.

“We’ve taken steps to meet with those folks... and come up with a plan to restore access and the conditions of those fields,” McNutt said. “That is also ongoing. It’s been impacted by some of the macro events like COVID-19 and such.”

McNutt said a draft budget that was supposed to be ready the first week of March has also been delayed because of the pandemic, but that he plans to get a draft budget before the council by July.

In the last year the town also appointed a new police chief, which he said can sometimes be “a very lengthy” and “acrimonious” process in other towns, but that Palmer had a strong internal candidate – current police chief Christopher Burns – who accepted the position and has been “widely accepted by the community” and is “doing a wonderful job,” McNutt said.

In addition, McNutt said he’s also been proud of establishing a licensed tree board in town.

“Everybody has been satisfied when they get to interact with our tree warden – he produces a thorough report every time he goes out and views a tree, so people have something in their hand to be able to evaluate that is based upon knowledge,” McNutt said. I believe that’s worked out very well.”

Barry said she also noticed the town completed a compensation study and asked if it could be shared with the Council. McNutt said he’d send it to them this week.

Census bureau opens area offices

The U.S. Census Bureau, in coordination with federal, state and local health officials, is opening Area Census Offices in Boston, Lawrence, Quincy, East Bridgewater, Waltham and Worcester and will begin to drop off 2020 Census questionnaire packets at front doors in rural areas of Massachusetts this week.

Currently, Massachusetts ranks 20th in the country with a self-response rate of 62.3 percent. However, major cities and rural areas, many consisting of hard to count census tracts, lag below the national average of 60.2 percent. Current internet self-response rates are 9.3 percentage points above Census Bureau projections, as households continue to favor online to phone and mail in responding to the census. In a video message, Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham thanked people for responding to reach this milestone and encouraged those, who have not responded to help shape their future for the next 10 years.

Temporary field staff have been trained to observe all social distancing protocols and will wear official government-provided personal protective equipment for their safety and the safety of the public. This operation is contact less and follows the most current federal health and safety guidelines.

Census takers are scheduled to begin visiting households Aug. 11 to count the remainder of the population that has not yet responded online, by phone, or by using the paper form in the packet.

Second Chance counting on Golf Tournament to help pets in need

Nonprofit moves annual fundraiser to new golf course due to COVID-19 restrictions

Second Chance Animal Services has announced plans to host the 8th Annual Golf Tournament with a new venue and date to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions. The tournament will now be held July 25th at Heritage Country Club in Charlton and golfers are currently limited to 76 carts in accordance with state guidance. People living in the same household will be able to ride together.

“With our major fundraiser

postponed to the fall, Second Chance is counting on the annual golf tournament to provide much needed funding for pets in need,” said Development Director Lindsay Doray. “We moved the fundraiser because Heritage Country Club offers more options to ensure we can safely host the event including the ability to offer outdoor dining or take-away meals for the traditional post-golf luncheon.” Doray and the venue are closely monitoring the evolving situation and have several contingency plans in place.

Several foursomes have already signed up, but Second Chance recognizes there will be some who are not able to attend the fundraiser this year. The nonprofit is adding an online silent auction where everyone can

bid on items in advance, including a pair of Adirondack chairs handmade and donated by the Hampden County Sheriff’s Office. The online auction link will be available on the website in July.

Interested golfers can purchase tickets online at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early due to limited ticket availability. Mulligans are also available online or during check-in the morning of the tournament. Check in will be 7 am and the tournament will commence at 7:30 a.m.

18-year-old Lee is one of many pets in need at Second Chance.



“Say Their Names” mural inspired by death of George Floyd painted on MLK Jr. Family Services Building

SPRINGFIELD – A mural inspired by the death of George Floyd that will pay tribute to unarmed People of Color killed by police, titled “Say Their Names,” was painted on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services building June 4th and 5th.

The project was organized by Common Wealth Murals, organizer of Fresh Paint Springfield, and Rosemary Tracy Woods, Executive Director and Chief Curator of Art for the Soul Gallery. The mural is hosted by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services of Springfield.

The mural was designed and painted by internationally known muralist and graffiti artist Wane One from New York

City, with assistance from two additional muralists, Nero and Souls. Wane One painted the East Columbus Parking Garage during the Fresh Paint Springfield Mural Festival in 2019 and a mural for the Friends of the Homeless Shelter on Worthington Street in Springfield.

The mural, which includes the phrase, “Say Their Names,” features the names of the more than 60 unarmed People of Color who have been killed by police in the U.S. in the past 12 months (from June 1st, 2019 to May 31st, 2020). The people whose names are included on the mural are those whom police reported as unarmed when killed. The names and demographics of those killed,

as well as the circumstances of their death, were drawn from the research by Mapping Police Deaths.

According to the project organizers, “We were inspired to create this mural by the death of George Floyd. We believe more must be done to prevent the excessive use of force by police, which disproportionately harms people of color. We hope this mural will create a space for public and communal mourning, inspiration and conversation.

“We believe free expression and community conversation during a time of heightened tension increases the likelihood of peaceful and constructive action. We hope that this mural will help

people heal, process emotions, gain new understanding, and inspire concerted effort to eliminate individual and systemic racism.”

Wane One has been an active and progressive participant in the New York City graffiti community for 36 years. Wane One has painted over 35 public murals in New York City and around the world. He has designed for legendary hip-hop groups and artists like Gangstarr, Jeru the Damager and Group Home and well-known brands such as Nike, Reebok, New Balance and RYU.

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veys available for business owners in each town to help gauge the impact of COVID-19. Half of the businesses that responded said they’ve had to lay off employees.

“Fortunately, none of the reductions were permanent, although 30% of respondents said they weren’t sure if they would end up becoming permanent, and most of the business responders were in the Union Cosmetology industry,” said Szczebak. “Runners-up included restaurants and prepared food sales, construction, retail, and professional services.”

During the hearing, she also shared in a PowerPoint chart that 45% of respondents have experienced nearly 100%

reduction in sales due to COVID-19.

Additionally, in other questions, business responders in all towns said they’re struggling to pay their rent, and 30% of respondents said rent reductions or rent waivers would be the most helpful for their business recovery.

“Assistance with rent for business will be eligible under the grant,” said Szczebak.

In addition to the business survey, a survey was also created to gauge the impact of coronavirus on households.

“The survey was only for Hampden, Ludlow and Palmer, as they’re the towns that were participating in most of the social service activities in the grant,” said Szczebak.

Based on results, most respon-

dents stated that their employment has not changed as a result of COVID-19 or they’re working remotely. However, 28% of respondents stated that they’ve either had their hours reduced, been laid off, or have been furloughed.

“If you extrapolate that out to the total population of the three towns, there are over 10,000 area residents that have had their employment adversely impacted by coronavirus,” said Szczebak.

Adding to this, survey respondents indicated that food assistance was their greatest need, which Szczebak said will be the focus of social services through this grant. Specific locations include food pantries, schools, and senior centers.

The town of Ware will also be ap-

plying for funding for domestic violence programs related to COVID-19. Ware’s program will also be regional and will include many of the towns in the application.

At the end of the presentation, questions or comments were welcomed. Hearing attendee Doug Albertson asked who interested business owners should contact to apply for the microenterprise program. Szczebak said that they will be procuring someone to assist with the microenterprise portion of the grant. Business owners are also welcome to contact her.

For more questions on the grant, email Szczebak at sszczebak@townof-palmer.com.

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Palmer Fire & Water District #1 Notice of Annual District Meeting June 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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Viewpoints

All lives don't matter until black lives do

This week, the world watched as 46-year-old George Floyd, a father of two who was killed by the Minneapolis police, was laid to rest in Houston.

Floyd's death was a tragedy that should never have happened. But unfortunately, he's one of more than 7,000 unarmed black Americans who've been killed by police, according to a May 31st article in the *New York Times*. What's unique are the circumstances and timing of this killing, during a pandemic which has hit black Americans hardest, along with the cell phone video capturing Floyd saying "I can't breathe" repeatedly as office Derek Chauvin held his knee on Floyd's neck.

His death has sparked protests across the world, many of which have been met with a heavy-handed police response. Locally, we've seen peaceful protests in communities like Monson, where police have worked alongside protesters to facilitate communities coming together to show their support for black lives. In other communities, these protests have highlighted the systemic racism and brutality that have caused deaths like Floyd's in the first place.

In this time, President Trump's actions have once again demonstrated his poor leadership skills and insensitivity. After a now-viral video captured a 75-year-old man being shoved to the ground by Buffalo police during a protest, hitting his head on the sidewalk and lying motionless and bleeding, Trump tweeted that the protestor could be an "ANTIFA provocateur" and that the incident could've been "a set up."

Charges were filed against those officers days later. And politicians including New York Governor Andrew Cuomo have condemned Trump's actions, also asking him to apologize.

Trump's support has been falling across all demographics recently, according to the *New York Times*. And for good reason.

It's up to those of us with privilege to let black Americans know we stand with them, whether that's through voting for candidates that have vowed to condemn and fight against racism, donating to organizations that are helping the Black Lives Matter movement, educating ourselves on the systemic racism that has existed in our country since its founding or walking alongside community members during protests and rallies.

I don't want my black friends' names to become another hashtag. I don't want them to be scared to leave their homes or be pulled over for a traffic stop. But this is the reality that many black people face. As a white person, I can't fully understand what it's like to walk in a black person's shoes, but we can all do better in standing up against injustice and racism.

Black Lives Matter. And yes, it's true that all lives matter. But right now, we need to stand with black Americans who are being killed, so that one day we don't have more deaths like Floyd's or Breonna Taylor's, or Ahmid Arbery's, or the countless others who left us too soon.



The late spring border is ripe with the color blue

By high summer there are very few perennial flowers blooming in shades of blue. We best enjoy them now, while we can. Blue flowers abound in the late spring border! You could easily design a monochromatic scheme using just cool tones. Here are my selections:

For the back of the border, try *Amsonia tabernaemontana*. This native plant is topped with clusters of pale blue flowers, each one opening to form a tiny star, hence its common name, blue star. Growing to around three feet tall and not quite as wide, *Amsonia* almost qualifies for "specimen" status, although it is not as showy as other specimens like peony or dictamnus. Only one plant is necessary per grouping in full sun or part shade. In my garden, it self-sows, but not usually enough to make itself a nuisance.

Another plant best suited for the back row of the perennial garden is *Baptisia australis*, or false indigo. Gray-green foliage is pretty in its own right, until you see the beautiful deep blue-purple pea-like flower spikes emerge in mid-June. Easily four feet tall and three feet wide, *Baptisia* is a nice specimen perennial; one plant is certainly enough per grouping. The size of the plant you purchase may lead you to think otherwise, though, since transplants are usually puny and take a couple of seasons to establish. Site false indigo in full sun or part shade in rich soil. Refrain from moving the plant once it reaches full size or its deep tap root may be compromised. Blackish seed pods are hardly decorative on the plant, but do look nice in autumn floral arrangements.

One of my favorite blue flowers is *Aquilegia vulgaris*. Although there are many cultivars of garden columbine, we grew the species variety at Old Sturbridge Village. It can be found in white,

pink, maroon, purple, blue and almost black. Ours tended to be mostly blue in a hue hard to describe, perhaps more royal blue than purple-blue. If the color is hard to describe, the flower shape is even more difficult; maybe something along the lines of nodding bells with reflexed sepals? Lobed leaves are another attractive feature of this plant, although vigilance against the dreaded leaf miner is a must in order to keep it looking good. Here too, full sun or partial shade will grow decent two-foot to two-and-a-half-foot wispy plants, a size perfect for the middle row of the border.

Mountain bluet, or perennial bachelor button, as it is sometimes called, is one of my most treasured perennials. There is nothing rare about *Centaurea montana*, or even all that unique about it. I just plain like its oversized cornflowers and their lovely true blue shade. For years I managed to keep a clump going; it finally succumbed to chipmunks who demolished the plant trying to get at the flowers and seed pods. At 18 inches tall it is another plant best suited to the middle row of the garden. Plant in full sun or slight shade for best results. Cut back after it is done flowering for a chance at late season rebloom.

If you are still in need of more blue flowers, there are also numerous iris, lavender, campanula and spiderwort cultivars waiting to be discovered. Have fun planning a cool border this summer.

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IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

When Barn Swallows rule the roost

Looking at life from a bird's eye view is a unique perspective. A bird's eyesight far surpasses normal, human eyesight. And, a Barn Swallow can spy from the sky a spec of a meal. Dive to dine. Swoop. Scoop. Done deal. Fast Food. Meal appeal.

As tiny, yet as mighty as Barn Swallows are, they are experts at winging it. Everything. As a matter of fact, there have been and still are having times when they absolutely "rule the roost." In plain words, they are the dominating and principle owner of any place they perch and plan to settle their brood to-be.

Also, like children, Barn Swallows play in fields, meadows, and barnyards. After late spring and early summer rains, they kid around in mud puddle pools. Then, as grown up, work-a-birds, they craft mud-grass nests that invariably get plastered against a building, or hung out in a barn nook, or tucked under eaves.

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Their nests are built specifically, annually, however, and wherever they intend to rule the roost. Their realm. They rule.

And, for the third year, any and all attempts at maintaining a private entry, free from the 30-40 mile per hour takeoff and landing flight patterns have failed. Neither barn-red broom brush, nor shiny, reflecting tree-trim wrapped on the under-the-eaves, light post fixture-- only one foot from the front door-- has deterred their roost!

Enter and exit Barn Swallows: birds that are often monogamous-partners soaring, darting and spending hundreds of hours creating a mud-pie-thatched nest for the coming brood. The batch of 3-8 eggs needs at least 2-3 weeks of incubation before they hatch. About 3 weeks later they can fly from the nest as fledglings.

Enter and exit humans: who knock on the front door when leaving. "We gotta let them know when we're going out. 'Don't want to startle them and have bird's nest bombshells all over."

Leading the way, The Hub grabs his Mrs. hand. Scampering down the front walkway, they carefully avoid Barn Swallow cement-laden bombshells and dive bombing birds.

"You'd think nailing the red broom bristles on the front door frame and wrapping the shiny Christmas trim around the porch light this year would stop them from building a nest!" he said.

"I remember Barn Swallow on our family's farm. Determined sky divers. They'd swoop down inches from the ground and our cats packed paw-punches at them!"

Nowadays, when not nestled on the nest, Mr. and Mrs. Swallow perch high atop a single lawn lantern. From their birds-eye view they inspect each human action. Every. Single. Step. And, they tilt their heads while listening to every single word.

The nest is full. The eggs will hatch. The fledglings shall fly. Mr. and Mrs. Barn Swallow will be feeding, teaching, and training their brood to navigate, soar and migrate. And, yes--we'll always remember the on-going, annual times, trips and trials when Barn Swallows rule the roost.

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The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to dfarmer@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

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After receiving their diplomas, graduates and their families took a picture in front of congratulatory banners.



Graduates and their immediate families make their way into Pathfinder's front parking lot.

PATHFINDER

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Seniors excitedly line up to receive their diplomas.



Immediate family were able to be present for their loved one's graduation.

Duda. "I will work tirelessly as everybody else would on our staff for the kids. I think this is just the least we could do at this time for them."

Three graduates – Valedictorian Mackenzie Misterka, Salutatorian Caitlyn Sigovitch and Class President Saebra Delaney – also delivered speeches during the ceremony, which lasted six hours, with staggered times for each group of graduating students.

During her speech, Valedictorian Misterka reflected on each year she and the other graduates of Pathfinder experienced, including the task of choosing their technical field, growing within their areas, and getting their licenses, vehicles, or starting a co-op.

Class President Delaney also reflected on the benefits of attending Pathfinder in her speech. "We've had the chance to explore possible professions and experience the deeply satisfying results of the work of our own hands," said Delaney. "Many of us leave here with knowledge and experience in professional fields that other high school graduates will have to go on to college just to learn."

Salutatorian Sigovitch's speech acknowledged that although this was not the ending of the senior year she and others expected, the four years that it took to get to this moment should still be celebrated.

She also quoted Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss), who stated "Only you can control your future."

"The choices you make impact how you live your life, and what kind of example you want to set," said Sigovitch. "No matter what has happened in the past, good or bad, you can be the one to change it. There will be people who will look down on you your whole life, but prove them wrong and conquer your dreams. Don't let anything hold you back; if you set your mind on it, you can achieve anything."

Graduation took place at the front entrance of the school. Throughout the day, graduates and their families drove into the school's back parking lot and remained parked. Staff members then guided graduating seniors and their families, while still in their cars, onto the school's front parking lot, then safely exited their vehicles.

Five students at a time processed onto the right side of the graduation area, while their immediate family members walked onto the left side, so that families could congratulate and take a celebratory photo with the graduates.

After those five students received their diplomas, they drove down the main driveway with their families and were given the option to take more photos in front of a congratulatory banner.

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TENNIS



Amelia Bachand works during a match against Quaboag last year. She was among several graduates last year. Palmer had only one returning senior this season.

Palmer tennis would have welcomed new seniors

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PALMER – Unlike many other schools, Palmer High School only has girls tennis over the past few years.

Coach Jared Haley had just one senior returning to the team, but noted that four others were expected to join the team for the first time.

Andrea Sterner was the only player who was on the team last year and participated in the second doubles team during the past season.

“The only returning senior on the team Andrea is an athlete who works exceptionally hard to better herself,” said Haley. “Participating in second doubles, Andrea always shows up with a smile and a positive attitude. Although she is unable to complete her senior season, Andrea was a dedicated member of this team, and will be missed next season.”

Needing some depth, four new



Palmer girls tennis was set to welcome several new faces to its lineup this season, according to coach Jared Haley.

players were recruited for the team for this season, though none of them go the opportunity to get on the court as the season was cancelled



before practices even started.

“The team was also set to have three incoming new seniors this season,” said Haley. “All exception-



al athletes who would have been an undeniable asset to the team. Richie

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SOCCER

Kolodzieys ready to start PVSSL in Phase 3

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LUDLOW – As the picture becomes clearer, it looks like we will have summer soccer in the Pioneer Valley for high school students.

High school students have been away from one another since March 16, which essentially all education was shut down throughout the Commonwealth. Eventually, all recreation and activity was shut down as well.

Last Saturday, Gov. Charlie Baker announced the provisions of Phase 2 of the re-opening plan as Massachusetts continues to stay on a good course with lowering numbers of coronavirus cases, deaths, and hospitalizations.

With the start of Phase 2, the “cautious” step, the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League is making plans for its return to action.

Just a few weeks ago, the coordinators of the league, Chris and Diana Kolodziey, were non-committal about whether or not there would be a season due to the uncertainty surrounding the re-opening and whether it would have to be delayed or scaled back.

However, they were always hopeful of having a season, even with a delayed start.

Normally, the season would start next week, but games will start under Phase 3, called Vigilant. Teams, in groups 10 and under, can start practicing, however, and the Kolodzieys are taking registrations and starting to organize a schedule that would start sometime shortly after June 30.

So far, the governor’s plan has gone according to the three-week schedule projects for it, which puts Phase 3 on target for that date.

The summer soccer season would likely last at least four weeks through to the end of July, but could also go into August. Diana Kolodziey said that is still being determined.

In their preparations for the

upcoming season, the Kolodzieys have also pulled the trigger on a brand new website, www.pioneervalleysummersoccerleague.com.

The new site has a new way of registering teams and is designed to move most of the operations online, such as scheduling and reporting scores and other league information.

The Kolodzieys say will be looking out for the guidance from the governor’s office on exactly how Phase 3 will be implemented as they look to start the season as soon as possible.

“Our goal is to get players playing and keep everyone safe,” the website states. “So we are looking at a quick turnaround to begin play once we get a thumbs up from the Governor’s Office. We want the league to be ready to go quickly once this happens.”

Teams interested in participating in the league should begin signing up as soon as possible and can email kolodziey@msn.com for more information. Teams are encouraged to communicate with their school and/or recreation department regarding field availability.

On the new website, there is a link with new rules and regulations for 2020. There will be additional information about such things as social distancing and other safety precautions for the 2020 season. The league is planning to have both the high school and adult seasons.

Based on communications with the various teams that are regularly involved, the Kolodzieys very much want the 2020 summer season to happen.

“Based on the overwhelming feedback we have received,” the website states. “Many teams want to move forward and play understanding that we are up against some unfamiliar challenges.”

The site states there will be a “condensed” season, but it unclear how many regular games will be played.

BASKETBALL

Commemorative coins on sale to fund education programs

SPRINGFIELD — Located in the Birth City of Basketball, Springfield, Mass., the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame promotes and preserves the game of basketball at every level. Since the Basketball Hall of Fame opened its doors in 1959, it has operated as a not for profit organization relying on the generosity of others to preserve the legacy of the game. On Thursday, June 4, basketball fans will have the opportunity to own a piece of basketball history and support the Hall of Fame with the purchase of a newly launched commemorative coin.

This milestone concludes a multi-year effort by Congressman Richard Neal, Congressman Andy Barr, and Senators Elizabeth Warren and the late John McCain, along with countless Hall of Fame members, to make this coin a reality.

“This endeavor has been years in the making and we couldn’t be more excited to be launching a commemorative coin with the U.S. Mint this week,” said John Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “These coins are a unique opportunity for fans to own a piece of basketball history while supporting the Hall and the game itself, as the

funds generated will allow us to bolster our endowment, educational programs and ever-growing portfolio of events.”

To commemorate this historic day, the Hall of Fame offered a limited quantity of coins for sale to the general public on June 4 from noon to 2 p.m. Coins will be available on a first-come-first-served basis and orders will be limited to one coin type/finish per person, while supplies last. Customers should enter the South Side of the property (Hilton Garden Entrance) where Hall of Fame staff will provide instructions. State of Massachusetts directives regarding Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Mintage for this commemorative coin program is limited to 50,000 \$5 gold coins, 400,000 silver dollar coins, and 750,000 half dollar coins. Coin prices include surcharges of \$35 for each gold coin, \$10 for each silver coin, and \$5 for each half-dollar coin, which are authorized to be paid to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to fund an endowment that will enable increased operations and educational programming.

BASKETBALL



File photos

The Spec Pond Summer Basketball League is planning to have basketball this summer once Phase 3 of the re-opening plan begins in Massachusetts.

Spec Pond League will have no fans to start season

Other rules will be implemented as necessary for the outdoor basketball league

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WILBRAHAM – One of first youth sports the area could see will be based out of Spec Pond in Wilbraham sometime next month.

Only this summer, it could look a lot different for a while.

For several years, the Spec Pond Summer Basketball has been both a nightly and a weekend gathering place for many young basketball players and their families, which utilize the surrounding amenities during games.

Bryan Litz, the director of Wilbraham Parks and Recreation, organizes the league each year. He welcomes many teams from out of town, including Agawam,

Southwick, Springfield, Ludlow, Belchertown, Ware, Chicopee, Palmer, and even as far as Sturbridge.

There are divisions ranging from third and fourth graders all the way up to the high school level. There are both boys and girls teams and the typical night has games being played every hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the two outdoor courts. Area schools are utilized in the event games must be made up due to rain.

The season carries on through July and early August and then playoffs happen in mid-August with the championships concluding right before the start of youth football season.

Litz confirmed the league is planning to start if and when the state enters Phase 3, which is currently on track to happen on June 30.

While Phase 3 lists “limited

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Schools

Monson students on Assumption College's Dean's List

Assumption College in Worcester has announced students who have been named to the College's Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

Hannah Hicks of Monson, Class of 2022

Christina Kuss of Monson, Class of 2021

"This semester, our students faced unprecedented challenges due to the global pandemic," said Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., president of Assumption College. "Following a rapid transition to remote learning, students adapted to the new form of education delivery amid difficult circumstances. The Assumption community is proud of these students who, despite the distractions of the COVID-19 situation, were able to remain focused and maintain a commitment to their academic programs."

Julia Malo inducted into Alpha Mu Alpha National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD – Julia Malo of Monson was welcomed virtually into Alpha Mu Alpha National Honor Society on May 14 at the Western New England University chapter's annual induction ceremony.

Alpha Mu Alpha is the national marketing honorary society for qualified undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral marketing students and marketing faculty. Under the auspices of the American Marketing Association (AMA), Alpha Mu Alpha acknowledges outstanding scholastic achievement on a highly competitive basis. Honor recipients must be senior undergraduate students with a minimum overall GPA of 3.25, members of the Western New England University Marketing Association, and members of the University's Collegiate Chapter of the American Marketing Association.

Malo is graduating with a BSBA in Marketing.

Nichols College students named to Spring Honors List

Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., have achieved Dean's List or President's List honors during the spring 2020 semester.

The Dean's List and President's List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

Jonathan Janosz a Criminal Justice major at Nichols College from Palmer is named to the President's List.

Shane Raney a General Business major at Nichols College from Brimfield is named to the Dean's List.

Leundra Marsh an Undecided major at Nichols College from Palmer is named to the President's List.

Pinning Pride: HCC celebrates nursing graduates with virtual pinning ceremony

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College nursing student Tessa Kemp got a lot more than she expected as she pulled into the parking lot of HCC's Center for Health Education & Simulation on Tues., May 26th, her first trip back to campus in weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

She had driven all the way from her home in East Brookfield just to pick up her nursing pin, a symbol of her completion of HCC's associate in science in nursing degree program.

More than that, though, she was greeted by clusters of green and white balloons, decorated cars and posters celebrating HCC's ASN Class of 2020, with more than half a dozen members of the HCC nursing faculty clapping and cheering her on.

"I was a bit stunned," Kemp said. "I thought we were just picking up pins for Thursday night. I had no idea so many of the professors and support staff would be there."

One by one over three hours that afternoon, all 31 members of HCC's ASN graduating class of 2020 drove

through the lot to pick up small care packages in advance of their virtual pinning ceremony, which was held over Zoom on Thurs., May 28.

Kemp seemed overcome for a moment as she rolled down her car window so nursing instructor Natalie Alexander could hand her a clear, cellophane bag that included her nursing pin, a candle, cup, and a printed program that included The Nightingale Pledge that graduates recite as they are initiated into the nursing profession.

"We decided to do this because the students felt they lost a lot with the coronavirus," nursing professor Karen Aiken said the day of the pin pickups. "They couldn't finish their clinicals as they normally would. Everything was at home for the last six to eight weeks of the semester. The pinning ceremony is a very traditional event in nursing, going back to the 1800s, so we wanted to recognize that. We wanted them to have their pins so when we Zoom you could actually see each student being pinned."

Because they couldn't

have a traditional live procession during the pinning ceremony, each of the graduates submitted photos of themselves wearing white uniforms that flashed across the screen in succession. As their names were called, each of the graduates was pinned at home by a person of their choosing.

There was also a slideshow of student reflections, award announcements, a ceremonial candle-lighting, and remarks by HCC president Christina Royal and others including class president Michael Tanner of Northampton.

"For many of us," Tanner said to his classmates, "these last two years were the most challenging years of our lives so far ... and when we finally neared the end, the world was determined to try and stop us with a pandemic, so we did what nurses do best: adapt and finish the job. We pioneered our way into remote learning and finished strong, proving that if we can make it through this, we can make it through whatever curveballs nursing will throw at us."



Kayla MacDonald of Chicopee picks up her pinning pack at the Center for Health Education & Simulation May 26th.



HCC nursing student (now graduate) Tessa Kemp of East Brookfield accepts her pinning pack from nursing instructor Natalie Alexander outside the Center for Health Education & Simulation.

HCC, STCC announce small business resource series

Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College will jointly host a series of online workshops in June and July for area employers who want to explore programs, services and grant-funded workforce training opportunities to boost their small businesses.

Each of the three, 45-minute remote sessions will meet from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and focus on a different government funding source: June 18 (Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund); June 25 (U.S. Small Business Administration); and July 2 (Registered Apprenticeships, a program of the U.S. Dept. of Labor). Session leaders will talk about program requirements, funding availability, and application processes.

The Small Business Resource Series is being offered by HCC and STCC through their Training and Workforce Options partnership - TWO.

"COVID-19 is having a pow-

erful impact on the workforce and our economy," said Sharon Grundel, director of corporate training for TWO. "To emerge stronger, businesses really need to start re-tooling how they operate now and that includes re-training their workforce to meet new workplace demands. Through TWO, HCC and STCC are at the crossroads of industry and education and perfectly positioned to assist."

Advance registration is required for all sessions. To register, please go to:

hcc.edu/business-series

Log in information for each remote session will be supplied after registration is complete.

Part I: Workforce Training Fund, June 18, 9-9:45 a.m.: Workforce Training Fund outreach manager Kristen Rayne will provide an overview of grant programs.

Part II: Small Business Administration, June 25, 9-9:45 a.m.: Or-este Varela, branch manager for the

SBA office in Springfield, will talk about SBA programs and services available to prospective and current entrepreneurs who need assistance starting or expanding their businesses.

Part III: Registered Apprenticeships, July 2, 9-9:45 a.m.: Melissa A. Scibelli, director of Workforce Development Programs for MassHire, Hampden County Workforce Board, will discuss the Registered Apprenticeship program, an innovative, work-based learning model for new hires and incumbent employees that provides funds to assist businesses in closing critical workforce gap shortages through on-the-job learning and related technical industry training.

For more information, please contact Tracye Whitfield, director of business development, at 413-221-4443/ twhitfield@twoworks.edu or Sharon Grundel, director of corporate training, at 413-552-2316/ sgrundel@twoworks.edu



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Boyton has been a longtime tennis player who was finally going to join the team his senior season. Delaney Walch, a longtime participant in track and field wanted to test her mettle on the courts, and Emma Doran who was looking forward to pushing herself this season. Although they never had the opportunity to play an official match, all of these athletes were active member of the team during captains' practices, and undoubtedly would have brought their passion and athleticism to fruition with an incredible senior season."

that can be played with just two or four people. Haley believes players that want to, have the ability to stay sharp.

"Fortunately, tennis is an easier sport to still play and practice even with Covid happening," said Haley. "I know many of the team members are still playing tennis with the members of their household. Although they may not be establishing new skills at least they can practice a keep their existing skills sharp."

"We have a very young team coming up," said Haley. "This season would have been a great opportunity for some new players to learn the sport of tennis and establish a lifelong love of the sport."

While certain other sports need multiple players and full game action to simulate the actual experience, tennis is an individual sport

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crowds" as part of the ability to resume athletic contests at the youth level, Litz has said the main parameter of starting the season will be that no fans will be allowed.

"There will be a maximum of three

coaches on the bench and at games," said Litz. "But once we see what guidance the state gives, then we will also implement other rules."

The Spec Pond league will be the first basketball that takes place in area since high school basketball was shutdown just shy of the state finals.

In youth basketball, the Szlats Memorial Tournament in Chicopee was just beginning when the state banned all recreational activities.

As the state continues its re-opening process, it is possible the Spec Pond League will be able to ease some restrictions in Phase 4, if that phase is implemented sometime in July. Each phase of the governor's plans is supposed to last three weeks if there are no setbacks. There is a registration packet now available online for the league. To access it, go to <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=specpond>.

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DEATH NOTICES

DaCosta, Bonnie L. (Desmarais)
Died June 1, 2020
All services will be held privately
Ludlow Funeral Home

Izyk, Emily T. (Korsak)
Died June 8, 2020
Walk through visitation June 13 2020
Motyka Funeral Home

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The Journal Register
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O B I T U A R I E S

Bonnie Lee (Desmarais) DaCosta, 74

LUDLOW – Bonnie Lee (Desmarais) DaCosta, 74, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Ware, daughter of the late Marcel A. and Mabel I. (Thomas) Desmarais, she was a 1964 graduate of Palmer High School. In 1965, she graduated from Machine Accounts Training (M.A.T.) in Springfield, and went on to work for Tampax, Valmont, Milton Bradley, and Caldor before retiring. Bonnie was a longtime Ludlow resident where she and her husband raised their children; and in her spare time, she loved gardening, doing puzzles,

reading, going to the beach, and especially spending time with her family. Bonnie was the beloved wife of 52 years to Jose Manuel DaCosta; a loving mother to Yvette M. Talenda and husband Jeffrey, of Southamptton, Catherine A. Zimmerman and husband Herbert, of Ludlow, and Joseph M. DaCosta, of Ludlow; a cherished grandmother to Kyle E.J. DiPenta, of Springfield, Alexandra A. Zimmerman, and Carl M. Zimmerman, both of Ludlow, ; a dear sister to Jacqueline A. Mat-



try and husband Ken, of Agawam, Pamela Desmarais, of Palmer, and the late Barbara J. Lovell; and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. All services for Bonnie will be held privately by her family and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society (cancer.org) For additional information, please visit www.ludlowfuneralhome.com

Emily T. (Korsak) Izyk, 93

Emily T. (Korsak) Izyk, 93, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 8, 2020. Born in Palmer, she was the daughter of the late Demetrius and Mary (Wilga) Korsak. She worked for many years for AT&T, and Sears & Roebuck. She was a devout communicant of Divine Mercy Parish, and very active in the Rosary Sodality and Adoration. Emily loved her Red Sox and enjoyed watching many of their games. She was predeceased by her first husband, Joseph Cholewa, and her second husband, Edward Izyk. Emily is survived by her son, Ronald, of Three Rivers; her daughter, Linda Tetrault,

and her husband, Stephen, of Ludlow; her grandchildren, Jeffrey (Consuela) Tetrault, of Westboro, MA; Brain (Meg) Tetrault, of North Conway, NH; her great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Maxine Tetrault, of Westboro, MA; and several nieces and nephews. She has been predeceased by all her brothers and sisters; Mary Edgerly, John Korsak, Stanley Korsak, and Theresa Rodrigues. A public walk-through visitation for Emily will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at the Motyka Funeral Home,



2186 Main St., Three Rivers, Ma, from 8:30AM to 9:30AM, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Devine Mercy Parish at 10AM. Burial will be in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. People should adhere to state and local guidelines to social distancing and facial protection. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Divine Mercy Parish, 2267 Main St., Three Rivers, MA 01080.

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Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 361 incidents from June 2 to June 9. The department made four arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear in the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, June 5

Heather Marie Szafranski, 29, of 10 Orchard St., Palmer, was arrested at 7:42 p.m., on Orchard Street in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; resisting arrest; disorderly conduct; assault; and attempting to commit a crime.

Sunday, June 7

Winston I. Marsh, 35, of 79 Maple St., Chicopee, was arrested at 4:41 a.m., on Flynt Street in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; and a marked lanes violation.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of 10 calls from June 4th through June 8th.

On Thursday, June 4th, at 5:22 p.m., the department responded to a call that was dispatched and cancelled while en route on River Street. The department returned to service at 5:24 p.m.

On Friday, June 5th, at 11:50 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on East Palmer Park Drive. The department returned to service at 12:20 p.m.

On Friday, June 5th, at 7:46 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Beacon Street. The department returned to service at 8:01 p.m.

On Friday, June 5th, at 8:30 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 8:39 p.m.

On Friday, June 5th, at 11:33 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on River Street. The department returned to service at 12:34 a.m.

On Saturday, June 6th at 11:10 a.m., the department responded to an odor investigation on Park Street. The department returned to service at 11:39 a.m.

On Sunday, June 7th, at 7:42 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Randall Street. The department returned to service at 8:05 a.m.

On Sunday, June 7th at 12:09 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on High Street. The

department returned to service at 12:26 p.m.

On Sunday, June 7th, at 8:42 p.m., the department responded to a call that was dispatched and cancelled while en route on River Street. The department returned to service at 8:59 p.m.

On Sunday, June 8th, at 8:21 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on State Avenue in Monson. The department returned to service at 9:16 p.m.

BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to a total of two calls from June 2 through June 8.

On Saturday, June 6, at 11:13 a.m., the department responded to First Street for an alarm activation. The department returned to service at 11:20 a.m.

On Monday, June 8, at 9:05 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 9:20 a.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to a total of five incidents from June 4 through June 7.

On Thursday, June 4th, at 10:02 p.m., the department responded to a smoke investigation at the intersection of Sykes Street and Bourne Street. The department returned to service at 10:10 p.m.

On Friday, June 5th, at 11:19 a.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Calkins Road. The department returned to service

at 11:30 a.m.

On Friday, June 5th, at 4:51 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 5:20 p.m.

On Saturday, June 6th, at 5:00 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 5:08 p.m.

On Sunday, June 7th, at 11:07 a.m., the department responded to an alarm system activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 11:14 a.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to a total of 22 ems calls and four fire calls from June 1st through June 7th.

On Friday, June 5th, at 11:19 a.m., the department responded to 78 Silver St. for a call of smoke in the residence. The department returned to service at 12:25 p.m.

On Saturday, June 6th, at 2:18 p.m., the department responded to a call of downed power lines in the area of 112 Silver St. The department returned to service at 3:16 p.m.

On Sunday, June 7th, at 10:20 p.m., the department responded to a utility pole fire in the area of 98 Main St. The department returned to service at 11:04 p.m.

On Monday, June 8th, at 1:03 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident in the area of 137 Thayer Rd. The department returned in service at 2:16 a.m.

Governor Baker issues Executive Order in advance of Phase II

Executive Order updates reopening phases with details on additional sectors

Allows Phase II Enterprises to begin preparations to resume in advance of Phase II Details rules required in advance of resuming amateur sports, outdoor dining

BOSTON – On June 1st, Governor Charlie Baker issued an Executive Order that provides a detailed list of businesses and activities that fall into Phases II, III, and IV of the Commonwealth's Re-Opening Plan. The Order also permits all Phase II enterprises, including retail, to begin preparations to safely resume operation in advance of the start of the second phase. In addition to the retail sector, the Executive Order details further requirements for the safe resumption of amateur youth and adult sports and outdoor dining.

Effective immediately, the Executive Order permits Phase II businesses to reopen their physical workplaces to workers only to conduct necessary preparations prior to the start of Phase II. Preparations include but are not limited to completing a COVID-19 Control Plan, implementing sector-specific protocols, and complying with Mandatory Workplace Safety

Standards.

Retailers: Retail stores will transition from curbside pickup and delivery-only to browsing and in-store transactions with restrictions at the start of Phase II.

Social distancing guidance requires each retail store to monitor customer entries and exits and limit occupancy at all times to either 8 persons (including store staff) per 1,000 square feet of accessible, indoor space, or 40% of the retail store's maximum permitted occupancy, whichever is greater.

Grocery stores and retail stores with pharmacy services must provide at least one hour of dedicated time for adults 60 years of age and older, while all stores are encouraged to offer exclusive hours or other accommodations for high-risk populations. For staffing, stores should adjust workplace hours and shifts, including leveraging staggered arrival / departure, to minimize contact across workers and to allow for on-going and off-hour sanitation and cleaning. Stores should also conduct frequent disinfecting of heavy transit areas and high-touch surfaces.

Operators of enclosed shopping malls and other indoor, multi-tenant retail spaces must monitor customer and worker entries and exits to common areas and limit occupancy of common areas at all times to 40% of maximum permitted occupancy levels. Mall amenities like seating in food courts, children's play areas, and arcades must remain closed, while mall food vendors and restaurants may

only provide take-out or delivery service.

Once Phase II begins, these standards will apply to all retail businesses except for Farmers' Markets, which shall continue to be governed by Department of Public Health guidance. These standards will supersede and replace existing Department of Public Health guidance governing grocery stores and pharmacies.

Retailers that have been defined as providing Essential Services pursuant to COVID-19 Order No. 13 will be required to comply with these sector-specific safety protocols within one week of the date that Retailers are authorized to open pursuant to the Governor's Phase II Re-opening Order.

Sports: The Order also allows organizers of amateur sports programs for youths and adults to open their premises to staff only to make preparations in advance of the start of Phase II. In addition to requiring generally applicable COVID-19 workplace standards, the Order specifies that during Phase II organized sports programs will operate under the following provisions:

Limiting traditional contact sports to no-contact drills and practices;

Prohibiting games, scrimmages, and tournaments;


Separating participants into groups of 10 or less;

Restricting the use of indoor athletic facilities to supervised sports programs and sport camps for youths under the age of 18.

Further sector-specific guidance for youth and adult amateur sports programs will be issued in the coming days. Subject to the implementation of COVID-19 health and safety rules adopted by respective leagues, this Order permits professional sports organizations to reopen their premises to employees and other workers for practices and training; however, professional sports organizations are not allowed to engage in inter-team games and sporting facilities will remain closed to the public.

Restaurants: Lastly, the Order permits restaurants to provide outdoor dining service with restrictions upon the start of Phase II; providing continued positive progression of public health data, indoor dining may be authorized by a subsequent order during Phase II. In order to provide improved opportunities for outdoor table service, the order also provides flexibility to a local licensing authority to grant approval for a change for any type of license that permits the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. In both outdoor and indoor dining cases, restaurants will be required to comply with sector-specific COVID-19 workplace safety rules for restaurants.

On May 18th, the Baker-Polito Administration released Reopening Massachusetts, the Reopening Advisory Board's report, which details a four-phased strategy to responsibly reopen businesses and activities while continuing to fight COVID-19.



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CISA's Senior FarmShare now accepting applications

CISA's (Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture) Senior FarmShare program provides low-income seniors with access to fresh, local food, and it is accepting applications through June 15th.

Senior FarmShare links local farms with distribution sites, including senior centers and Councils on Aging, to provide participating seniors with 10 weeks of local produce at the height of the growing season, beginning in the third week of July. Seniors

receive \$125 worth of vegetables, and they pay a costshare of \$10. This year, several sites will allow participants to pay for their costshare with SNAP.

Now entering its 17th year, Senior FarmShare will provide 423 CSA shares to low-income seniors from Shelburne to Springfield. The Senior FarmShare program partners with 11 farms and 16 distribution centers to offer subsidized weekly shares across the valley. Funding for the program

is provided by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs and individual contributions.

The Senior FarmShare program fills a vital gap in food access for many seniors. "I'm 91 years old and I don't drive, so it is hard for me to get fresh vegetables," said one 2019 Senior FarmShare participant. "Without this program I would never be able to afford fresh vegetables," said another.

This program not only provides fresh,

local produce to area seniors, it also supports the farms in Western Mass. and bridges gaps between farmers and community members.

The distribution sites range throughout Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Worcester counties.

Hampden:

Chicopee Senior Center
Gardening the Community
Holyoke Senior Center

Palmer Council on Aging
Riverview Senior Center
Urban League of Springfield

Contact information for each site and more details about eligibility can be found on CISA's website. If you or a senior you know is interested in the program, please reach out to the Senior Center you wish to apply with or contact Devon Whitney-Deal at CISA: devon@buylocalfood.org or 413-665-7100 ext. 22 to request an application.

Public Notices

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G.L. §.11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:35 PM REMOTELY** on the application of Richard Armida and Kimberly McCloskey for a Special Permit as provided by the Schedule of Use Regulations (Table 1) of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks a special permit for a Business Use, Raising Pets for Gainful Purpose, at 53 Bunyan Road, Map 109 and Parcel 1B, property owner is Richard Armida. The property is zoned Rural Residential and is approximately 30 acres in size. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Join the meeting by logging in or calling in and entering the Meeting ID and Password below:

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David Beaudoin, Chairman
6/11, 6/18/2020

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G.L. §.11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:20 P.M. REMOTELY** on the application of Ruth Knidel for a Special Permit as provided by Section 6.7 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks a special permit for an existing in-law apartment located at 114 Maxwell Road, Map 021 and Parcel 019. There are no changes proposed to the existing footprint or entryways and the applicants will occupy the primary residence and maintain the in-law apart-

ment for a family member. The property is zoned Rural Residential. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. §11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. REMOTELY**, on the application of Northern Construction for a Special Permit requesting an extension of an existing non-conforming use. The applicant intends to use the parcel for open storage of construction materials and equipment. The location is 368 Stafford Rd, Monson, Map 84, Parcel 2, Map 85, Parcels 2 & 7, Map 106, Parcel 10 in the Residential Rural district, owned by Peter Lloyd. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and requests to review the application can be made by emailing kbaker@monson-ma.gov.

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PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a **Public Hearing on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:45 p.m.** in the Town Hall Administration Building to consider amending the Town of Palmer Zoning Map for a change of zoning districts from the Town Residential District to the Village Center District 1. One parcel is affected by this zoning amendment, specifically 1010 Park Street (Map 58 Lot 30), formally operating as a Bank of America branch building.

A copy of the map may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com/planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

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Michael Marciniac, Chairman
6/11, 6/18/2020

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Christine Brigid Allenberg
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Christine Brigid Allenberg of Brimfield, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Christine Brigid
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/02/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 10, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
6/11/2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS BONDSVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF PALMER FISCAL YEAR 2021 Hampden, ss.

BondsVille, Massachusetts
To: Rosalie J. Lopes, Clerk of the BondsVille Fire and Water District of the Town of Palmer:

GREETINGS:
In the name of all Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the qualified voters of the BondsVille Fire and Water District of the Town of Palmer to meet at BONDSVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT COMPLEX in the Village of BondsVille, on **TUESDAY, the 23RD day of JUNE 2020, at seven o'clock in the evening**, to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at this meeting.

Article 2. To choose by ballot the following officers:

For a term of one (1) year

one (1) Auditor
one (1) Clerk
one (1) Treasurer

For a term of three (3) years

one (1) 2nd Assistant Engineer
one (1) Water Commissioner

Article 3. To hear and act on reports of District officers and committees.

Article 4. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Water Commissioners, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Water Commissioners, to borrow money as permitted by Law to meet appropriations made or expenses incurred under any of the articles of this warrant, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money to pay for interest incurred in borrowing money relative to Articles 4 and 5 from the Fire Department, or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as are necessary to pay the salaries of its Fire Department's officers and firemen and to defray the expenses of the Fire

Department for the ensuing year and to cover special appropriations made under the articles of this warrant, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate any sums of money to continue the Fire Department stabilization fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as are necessary to pay the salaries of its District officers, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the Water Department for the ensuing year and to cover special appropriations made under articles of this warrant, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money to pay for interest incurred in borrowing money relative to Articles 4 and 5 from the Water Department, or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from certified free cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2021 tax levy, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from certified free cash to fund the interim financing for the water grant to expand the water lines from Thorndike St on Route 181 to the Three Rivers connection, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to appoint and choose committees and give them instruction, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in two or more public places in the Village of BONDSVILLE, in said Palmer, not less than fourteen days before holding of said meeting in a newspaper published in Palmer.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings hereon, before holding of said meeting.

Given under our hand on 26th day of May, 2020:

WATER COMMISSIONERS OF BONDSVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

David LaVallie, Chairman
Richard Dranka
Robert Young
A TRUE COPY ATTEST
Rosalie J. Lopes, Clerk

6/11/2020

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Brimfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 20, 2020 at 11:00 AM** at Brimfield Winery, 35 Main Street, regarding the town meeting articles regarding proposed zoning by-law changes. The proposed zoning by-law changes will affect the following sections:

Planning Board: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new Zoning Map entitled, "Zoning Map for the Town of Brimfield, Massachusetts," dated June 1, 2020, with the drawing number 09318.

ZBA: To see if the Town will vote for the following article amending the Zoning Bylaw Section 4 by adding the following section 4.3 Estate Lots;

ESTATE LOTS

The purpose of this regulation is to allow for the creation of lots for single-dwelling units only, with less than the required frontage, in exchange for increased square footage, for the purposes of preservation of open space and decreasing density in given areas.

Single-family dwellings on estate lots shall be permitted in the residential and agricultural districts. 1. Estate lots shall be created from one conforming lot in existence at the time of adoption of the by-law and which conforms to all provisions of the zoning by-law. No more than three (3) estate lots may be created from an existing lot which was in existence at the time of the adoption of this estate lot by-law amendment and which conforms to all the provisions of the zoning by-law. 2. A filing fee in the amount of \$150 per lot, plus all legal notification fees will be paid by the applicant to the Town of Brimfield. 3. The estate lot(s) shall have a minimum street frontage of not less than forty (40) feet and an access width of not less than forty (40) feet from the front line to the principal structure. The host lot shall meet all the zoning dimensional requirements normally required in the district. 4. No more than three (3) estate lots, and the host lot, may be adjacent to each other at the street line. 5. The area of an estate lot shall be at least five (5) acres including the access strip. 6. Front, rear and side yards must equal or exceed those normally required in the district. 7. Estate lots shall only be allowed in Residential and Agricultural-Residential Districts. 8. The grade length and location of access driveways shall be constructed and maintained to provide access. (A) width of at least fifteen (15) feet with drainage and culverts where necessary; (B) No parking areas or structures shall be allowed in the access strip. 9. There shall be maintained

or kept a naturally occurring or a planted vegetated buffer zone of no less than five feet, between any estate lot(s) and any front lot sufficient to provide privacy between the two lots. 10. Plans submitted shall include the statement, "Lot(s) is in estate lot; building is permitted only in accordance with the Brimfield Zoning By-laws."

By Petition: To amend Section 1.2 as it pertains to the Business District to add the following (prior to; as laid out by the Commonwealth of MA) and inserting: "An additional exception, adding specific parcels to the Business District exclusively for the construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Installation (as allowed under the terms and definitions of Section 7A of these by-laws) on the following parcel 9-B-1 on Dunhamtown-Palmer Road, as shown on the Assessors Maps for the Town of Brimfield."

By Petition: To see if the Town will vote for the following article to modify Section 7.2 of the Brimfield Zoning Bylaw by adding the following language: "Unless able to demonstrate substantial hardship or need, any new non-residential structure or use within 300' of the property line of an existing residential use, must limit ingress and egress to route 20".

For the complete narrative of this proposed changes please visit <http://www.brimfieldma.org> under "town news", visit the Town Hall Annex at 23 Main Street or contact the Planning Board at planning@brimfieldma.org. 6/04, 6/11/2020

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:15 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Main Street Tire & Auto Center, LLC is seeking Site Plan Approval as required by section 171.29 – Site Plan Approval for the operation of retail tires and auto sales and service per section 171-62 at the property located at 1511-1515 Park Street, Palmer, MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 2, Lot 82.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com/planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the

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application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

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Michael Marciniac, Chairman
6/11, 6/18/2020

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49, Section 15-C, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicants, Chris and Kylie Siniscalchi, are seeking a Special Permit as required by general code section 141-1 to work within the right-of-way of a designated scenic road, namely Robinson Road, and approval of a curb cut permit to enter the property located at 70 Robinson Road, Palmer, MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 9, Lot 8-1.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com/planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

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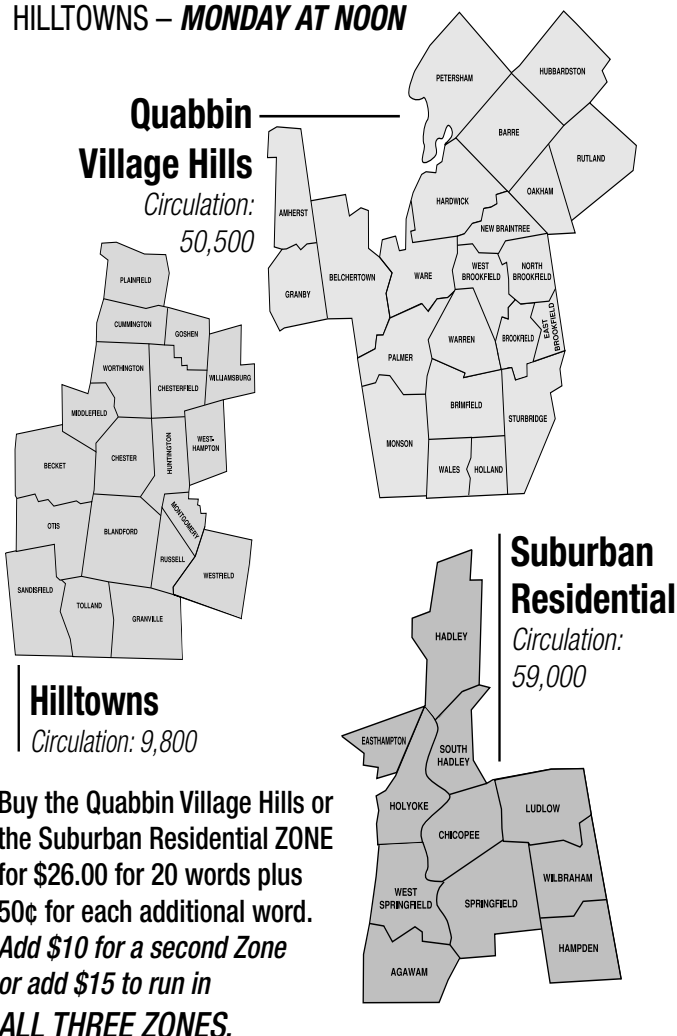
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Monson High School hosts car parade for graduates



Monson High School Senior Emily Dupuis and Cheer Captain, decorated her car to honor her four years of participating in the sport of Cheerleading. She will be attending Westfield State in the Fall of 2020.



Lily Rondeau bids peace out to Monson High School. Lily and her MHS classmates decorated their cars and paraded through town in a parade honoring the 2020 graduates. Lily has been accepted to the University of Southern Maine where she will major in Linguistics-American Sign Language/English Interpreting.

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police departments were also present to provide traffic mitigation along the way. After participating members of the parade lined up at the MHS parking lot, they went down Margaret Street, onto High Street, then down Main Street.

"We also encouraged them to have somebody else drive them and a lot of kids took that offer up so that they could fully take in the great experience," said Metzger.

Metzger said it was great to see his students together again, despite having to be spaced out in their own vehicles.

"When you think about all of the things that they missed out on because of the closure of school and their senior spring, it was just great to see how happy they all were," said Metzger. "It was a great time; we had the faculty space out in front of the Quarry Hill Campus, and I would say they were just as excited to cheer on the kids and be around their colleagues again."

Metzger also offered some advice for the 56 graduates, based on the things that have happened in the past couple of months between COVID-19, the crashing of the economy, and the murder of George Floyd: to play an active part in society, now that they're adult citizens.

"I encourage them to vote, and to educate themselves about the government and political process," said Metzger. "We're living in unprecedented times, and I hear from a lot of them that they're concerned about things going on, and I just encourage them to participate."



Eva Herrick and her decorated Jeep were met with many cheers from spectators during the Monson High School Senior Parade. Eva will be attending Springfield Technical Community College in the Fall where she will study Dental Hygiene.



Michelle Croak was 1 of the 57 Monson High School Graduates honored Friday night during a parade through town. Michelle's after high School plan is to Attend UMASS Amherst and major in Sociology.



Alivia Skowrya and Monson High School graduates decorated their cars for a parade honoring their accomplishment. Alivia will be attending American International College to study Physical Therapy this fall.



Chiara Esposito proudly smiles as she heads down Main Street in Monson in the Monson High School Senior parade honoring 2020 graduates. Chiara plans to attend Purchase College in the fall where she will study Arts Management.



Shawn Jalbert rode in style as he and the rest of the Monson High School 2020 were honored in a parade through town.



Logan Gerry, Monson High School senior, smiles for the crowds lining Main street in Monson, during a car parade in honor of the 2020 graduating class. Logan will be attending Salem State University in the fall and studying Business Management.